

Difficulty of Care

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Point Value

Each type of problem on the checklist would be assigned to the level that most closely describes it. The scoring is based on a point system. There are three levels - each level has a point value and each point is worth \$6.00.

<u>Level</u>	<u>Point Value</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
1	2	\$12
2	5	\$30
3	10	\$60

Training Incentive Allowance

Each 20 hours of training completed and verified qualify the caregiver for one training level. Each training level is worth \$21. The maximum number of training levels eligible for the allowance is four; i.e., 80 hours of training.

Excessive/Unusual Medical Transportation

Mileage for specialized medical care that cannot be readily obtained in the caregiver's home community may be reimbursed at the rate of 25¢ per mile.

Maximum

The maximum Difficulty of Care level that can be paid is \$1014/month – this would be for a child whose point score is 155 or more and who is placed with a foster caregiver who has completed 80 hours of training.

FOSTER CAREGIVER'S TRAINING LEVEL	DIFFICULTY OF CARE MAXIMUM RATE
No qualifying training	\$930
20 hours of training completed	\$951
40 hours of training completed	\$972
60 hours of training completed	\$993
80 hours of training completed	\$1014